

# Creed

What You Believe Matters

## Week 3 | Creed | November 8

**Key Focus:** The message of the resurrection is that real life change does happen and can happen right now and forever.

### Opening Up:

If you could harness the ability or giftedness of any historical figure, who would it be? What would you do with that gift or power?

If you could simultaneously give any gift or ability to all of humanity, what would it be? What difference do think it would make in the world?

### Read the Apostles' Creed.

**Reference:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-6; 12-20

### Discuss:

The story of the Bible is the story of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration. Creation tells the story of our identity, the fall (our problem), redemption (our solution), and restoration (our hope). Each step of our story shows up in the questions we ask our selves:

Creation - What makes me meaningful?

Fall - What's wrong with me?

Redemption - How can I fix what is wrong with me?

Restoration - Will ever be happy being me?

1. How have you tried to fix you? What have those experiences taught you?
2. Have you ever been angry at God because you could not fix you or some other problem in the world? Why do we get angry at God?
3. How does witnessing Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection help you to see how much God cares? How does knowing he is going "fix" everything through the resurrection change the way you live?
4. How has the power of the resurrection in you brought about a new life? Describe how your old life is different from your new life? (If this does not apply to you, listen to others tell their story.)
5. In what area do you need the resurrecting power of God in your life right now?
6. How does baptism help us to see the reality of the resurrection and the "new life" it brings? Read Romans 6:4.
7. Does anyone in this group have a confession of sin that needs prayer? Does anyone have a confession of faith that needs prayer? Is there anyone who needs to be baptized?
8. Pray.

## **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places